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FOR AMBASSADOR SNEIDER FROM RICH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MINISTER CHANG'S VISIT TO US AND SOLAR ENERGY
COOPERATION

REF: SEOUL 1843

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1. WE ANTICIPATE NO RPT NO DIFFICULTY WITH EARLIER
SCHEDULING OF VISIT OF MINISTER CHANG YE-CHUN IN LAST
WEEK OF MARCH AND FIRST WEEK IN APRIL. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT
WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A FIRM SCHEDULE OF
APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. THE ONLY APPOINTMENT WE HAVE WITH A TIME AND A DATE
IS THE COURTESY CALL ON EX-IM CHAIRMAN MOORE WHICH IS
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 31 AT 10:00 A.M. WE ARE
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AWAITING RESPONSES FROM DOE AND USDOC ON REQUESTS FOR
MEETINGS WITH SECRETARIES SCHLESINGER AND KREPS. KREPS
MAY BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE SHE WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY
UNTIL APRIL 2 AND IS DEPARTING AGAIN APRIL 11. WE WILL
ADVISE AS SOON AS FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB WILL BE UNAVAILABLE.

3. DOE ADVISES IT IS ARRANGING MEETING FOR MINISTER

CHANG ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3 WITH DOE SOLAR EXPERTS
TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS LISTED IN SEOUL 1656. IN THAT
MEETING, DOE PROPOSES TO EXPLORE THE KOREAN INTERESTS
IN SOLAR ENERGY WITH MINISTER CHANG WITH THE VIEW OF
DETERMINING IF A FORMAL AGREEMENT IS APPROPRIATE,
AND IF SO, WHAT IT SHOULD COVER. PRESENT DOE THINKING
IS THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO COMMIT US TO AN EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS DURING THE VISIT, BUT WE DO NOT RULE OUT AN
EXCHANGE SUBSEQUENT TO CHANG'S VISIT. DOE IS PREPARING
ITS PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED LETTER AGREEMENT
FOR DOE-MER SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION, AND WE HOPE
TO PROVIDE THIS TO YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK. VANCE

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